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Retiree Health Care Meeting

The next quarterly Military Retiree Health Care meeting is tomorrow at 2 p.m. in classrooms A and B at the Naval Hospital.

During this meeting, military retirees can meet Capt. Richard C. Welton, Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital commanding officer, to ask questions about issues important to them and their families.

All military retirees and their family members are welcome to attend.

Call 450-4463 for more information.

Art Auction

The MCAS New River Officers Wives Club will hold an auction of fine art Friday at the Officers Club.

The preview party begins at 6 p.m. and the auction begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$8 for OWC members and \$9 for non-members. Tickets will be drawn to determine winners of door prizes.

To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Lora Bonnot at 455-9952.

MMEA Brief

The Headquarters Marine Corps MMEA will visit Oct. 27 and 28.

Briefs for first-term Marines are mandatory, and these Marines must see the career counselor prior.

Spouses are invited to attend the brief as well.

For times of the scheduled briefs, call the squadron career counselors.

Halloween Times

October 30 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. has been designated by Col. Stephen L. Forand,

Station commanding officer, as the official trick-or-treating time aboard Station.

Please ensure all safety precautions are adhered to.

For more information, call Paul Quinn at 449-6301.

SNCO Club Lunch Buffet

Renovations are complete and the Staff Noncommissioned Officers Club is offering a lunch buffet to all hands beginning Nov. 2.

Prices are: \$6.95 for SNCO members, sergeants and below; \$8.95 for SNCO non-members.

Mosquito Spraying

According to Station Facilities, mosquito spraying is ongoing from now through Nov. 5 here and at MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Currently, spraying is conducted once a day, but may change to twice a day in the future.

For more information, call 449-6518.

Fun Run

Jacksonville Trails and Greenways Commission is hosting its annual five-kilometer road race and one-mile fun run Nov. 6.

Cost for the fun run is \$10 and \$12 for the five-kilometer race. The family fee is \$45 and includes a maximum of four t-shirts.

Make checks payable to David Lynch, Jacksonville Recreation and Parks Department, Post Office Box 128, Jacksonville, N.C. 28541.

Veterans Day Parade

The 9th annual Veterans Day Parade will be held Nov. 6, 10 a.m., beginning at Coastal

Carolina Community College and traveling down Western Boulevard to Village Drive by WinnDixie Shopping Center. New River will be represented. Seating for VIPs will be in front of Jones-Onslow Electric Corporation.

Parade application deadline is Oct. 23.

For more information, call 346-1065.

Lejeune Rod and Gun Club

Club meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6 p.m. at the Club House located on Main Service Road in the Paradise Point, MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C., area between the tennis courts and the Officers Club.

All active duty, retired and Department of Defense personnel who are interested in hunting, fishing and related outdoor activities are welcome.

Club activities include organized hunts, hunter safety instruction, Adopt-A-Highway, disabled hunters access and conservation volunteers.

Cross Country Runners

The U.S. Marine Corps Cross Country Championships will be held Dec. 9 - 12 at MCB Camp Pendleton, according to MARADMIN 433/04. Each installation team will be comprised of five men and three women.

Installations interested in competing must submit rosters to Headquarters Marine Corps Semper Fit not later than Oct. 25. For more information, see MARADMIN 433/04.

Photo Contest

Navy Federal Credit Union is sponsoring the 43rd Annual Naval and Maritime Photo Contest. December 31 is the deadline for all entries.

Photos must be of a Naval or nautical subject, not limited to the calendar year of contest.

Winners will receive a one-year membership for the Naval Institute and the following cash prizes: first place \$500, second place \$350, third place \$250 and honorable mentions \$100 (15 awards).

Go to www.navalinstitute.org and select "contests" on the site map for complete contest rules.

Government Systems

The Government Computer System should be used only for "official business."

MARADMIN 162/00 pertains to the appropriate use of government information technology resources.

For questions or concerns, contact Rick Parker, Station Information Systems security officer.

Gift Certificates

The Station Commissary began selling gift certificates Oct. 15. The certificates may be purchased at the customer service office for \$25 with cash or check. Gift certificates may also be purchased online at www.commissaries.com.

To learn more, call Pam Mister at 449-6395 ext. 221.

On the cover

Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps John L. Estrada, a New Orleans native, speaks with many of the highest-ranking enlisted Marines assigned to the major commands here during a luncheon held at the Staff Noncommissioned Officers Club on Oct. 15.

During his visit, he spoke with several squadrons and addressed Station Marines from private to sergeants major.



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Osprey evaluated 'officially'

Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo
correspondent

An official party consisting of high-ranking members of the Department of Defense visited Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 here Oct. 8 to fly in an Osprey and personally evaluate the aircraft.

The Secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable James G. Roche; the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. John P. Jumper; and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations Low-Impact Conflict, Thomas W. O'Connell, all flew in and discussed the Osprey.

After Jumper arrived here, he was briefed, and then went to Marine Aircrew Training Systems Squadron to fly an Osprey simulator.

"I've been trying to do this for about three years now so I've finally had a chance to do it," he said. "Everything I've read about the airplane has been outstanding. For a fighter pilot to be able to fly this, it is amazing. When it is in its fixed-wing mode it handles just like any airplane."

VMX-22 pilot earns 'Flying Cross'

Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo
correspondent

An Air Force captain assigned to Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 here was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross medal Oct. 8 by the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force in a ceremony held outside the squadron hangar.

James S. Peterson, of Arcadia, Calif., received the coveted medal for actions in a mission during early December 2001 during Operation Enduring Freedom. Before transitioning into tilt-rotor aircraft, Peterson was a MH-53M Pave Low pilot.

"It was a seven ship mission. I was the leader of a three ship division. We dodged a lot of small-arms fire and managed to land right outside of the Al-Qaeda compound," said Peterson.

During the direct action assault mission, the aircraft had to in-flight refuel three times and on its return, the helicopter experienced electrical problems.

"I was trying to maintain the problem as we were flying with eight high-level Al-Qaeda militants," said Peterson. "We also took a lot of valuable intelligence information from the compound."

The Distinguished Flying Cross medal has been worn by some of the best American pilots, including Charles Lindberg and Amelia Earhart, said the Honorable James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, during the award ceremony.

"When Captain Peterson came to the squadron he showed great poise," said Maj. John C. Vara, squadron operations officer from Bridgewater, N.J. "He is a good pilot, a good officer and a hero who has earned all of the Marines' respect."

"The real honor is not in the award, it was an honor to work with the highly skilled men who fought on the ground. Getting the recognition is great, but to be able to exchange high fives with all those guys the next morning is where the honor is," Peterson said.

Also in attendance were Peterson's wife, Robyn, and seven-month-old son, Brett.

"It is pretty significant to receive recognition on that level, and it is a memory I'll have for the rest of my life," he concluded.

Jumper moved to the VMX-22 hangar and piloted an Osprey. He flew with other members of his official party, and upon landing, shared his thoughts about the aircraft.

"This gives us capability, speed and access in ways we did not have before. We're looking forward to the continuing development of the airplane. It's doing superbly so far," he said.

Roche spoke of the positive aspects the Osprey can bring to the military.

"The software stability demonstrates that this plane can do things we haven't been able to do before that give advantages to our special operations," he said. "You'll also want to take a look at this plane as a long-range combat search and rescue asset. This plane will be able to advance on enemies without the sound you get from a regular helicopter. It will allow us to get down and get off the ground faster."

"The squadron is always more than happy to show everybody the Osprey and dispel those rumors and misconceptions that might still be out there from years past," concluded Sarno.

Army general tests Osprey

Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb
correspondent

Army Gen. Bryan D. Brown, commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, visited here Oct. 8 to pilot the Osprey.

Brown's first order of business was to fly the Osprey simulator, which he said is a very important learning tool for pilots.

According to Brown, USSOCOM is planning on acquiring 50 V-22s for use in special operations.

"We're looking for a safe, reliable, maintainable aircraft that will certainly augment the rest of our fleet," he said. "It will be a very valuable asset to Special Operations Command."

Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Robert V. Martens Jr., command chief master sergeant of USSOCOM, was also in the simulator during the commander's flight.

The Cold Spring, N.Y., native said the Osprey has "capabilities that special operations really needs right now" and it would be "very valuable to the Army."

Brown, who as a helicopter pilot flew combat missions in Vietnam and during Operation Desert Storm, said he was looking forward to an opportunity to see the aircraft's capabilities firsthand.

After his visit to the simulators of Marine Aircrew Training Systems Squadron, Brown boarded an Osprey from Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 and soared the North Carolina skies during an orientation flight.

For Sgt. Isaac K. Shuler, a crew chief with the squadron and 29 Palms, Calif., native, visits from dignitaries serve as excellent opportunities for the squadron to showcase its maintenance efforts.

"I'm glad he (Brown) got to see how we work, and that he had an opportunity to fly in the Osprey," said Shuler.

Later, Brown and five USSOCOM parachutists boarded an Osprey and were flown over Marine Corps Training Area Camp Davis, N.C., where they executed a high altitude low opening jump.

Brown said a HALO is a method of infiltration used in special operations.

Another important characteristic of the Osprey that USSOCOM's top man wanted to test was speed. According to Brown, the Osprey's ability to travel at high speeds gives it a long range and reduces the requirement for logistics and tankers.

"One of our core missions is going extremely deep, extremely fast," he said. "(The Osprey) gives us the opportunity to do that."

Brown said the Osprey is a very impressive aircraft, and it's important that he had the opportunity to see it for himself, pilot it and have its capabilities demonstrated.

"We've got a saying in special operations that humans are more important than hardware," he said, "but it'll certainly allow our folks to do our mission in a much more efficient manner."



Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb

Army Gen. Bryan D. Brown, commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, tightens his flight equipment as he prepares to pilot an Osprey for the first time Oct. 5. Brown flew the Osprey during his visit to Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22.

Safety is paramount: Apply what you've learned

Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb
correspondent

The phrase "safety is paramount" is drilled into the head of every Marine. Through lectures during recruit training, Marine Combat Training and regular classes throughout each Marine's career, the Marine Corps makes safety an important issue.

So why aren't Marines getting the message?

According to Sgt. Maj. Lewis Summerville, Station sergeant major, safety can be discussed all day, but once Marines are off duty and out on their own,

"there's only so much we can do."

The Aliceville, Ala., native went on to say, "We are doing our part to inform our Marines by constantly reiterating safety."

"We try to always keep each other informed of our plans. We spend more time talking with Marines that seem to be having family or personal problems," explained Lt. Col. Russ Powers, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-266 commanding officer.

Powers, a native of Laurel, Miss., said, "It all boils down to leadership. As a leader you need to know your Marines. You need to know what's going on in

their lives."

He said their squadron has been very fortunate. They haven't lost anyone since May 1996, but they have had share of close calls just like everyone else.

The squadron does their best to stress operational risk management, he said. Helping Marines to understand and apply ORM is a very important factor in safety.

"We're making sure our Marines understand that we do care about them," he added.

"Marines are getting the information. It's all in how they apply it," Summerville concluded.

Beware! No grease

Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo
correspondent

Grease clogs in base wide sewer systems are often the cause for sewer spills, according to James D. Mahoney, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., public works officer.

"This is one small piece of a very large puzzle," he said.

Yet, it could be a significant piece. Twenty-three to 28 percent of all reported sanitary system overflows statewide were the result of fats, oil and grease (FOG) accumulation in municipal sewer collection systems from 1998 to Sept.

2001, according to the State of North Carolina's

"Considerations for the Management of Discharge of FOG to Sanitary Sewer Systems."

During that time frame at the local level, towns throughout North

Carolina were experiencing FOG blockages at a greater rate of at least 50 percent. These overflows (1998 to Sept. 2001) resulted in more than 19 million gallons of spilled, untreated wastewater.

Such overflows not only cause tremendous environmental and health impacts, but are also expensive to repair, Mahoney said.

"By minimizing the amount of grease poured down the drains within base housing, we can minimize at least one of many aspects that directly impact our sanitary system causing sanitary system overflows," he added.

To properly dispose of grease, pour it into a sealable container, and if necessary, allow some time for it to solidify. Afterward, it should be thrown away in a regular trash receptacle.



When you drink and drive, everyone loses

Sgt. Christine C. Odom
correspondent

A nationwide crackdown on drinking and driving concluded last month. The message is clear - "You Drink and Drive. You Lose."

This campaign is the first of its kind since all 50 states and the District of Columbia enacted ".08 Blood Alcohol Content" laws for impaired driving, explained Staff Sgt. Brett D. Hawn, the Station Military Police District services chief. Uniform BAC laws strengthen the hand of law enforcement, which allows them to arrest dangerous drunk drivers and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.

"We want to promote awareness against drinking and driving and discourage citizens from even considering operating a motor vehicle while impaired," said the Meadville, Pa., native.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration studies, nearly 97 percent of Americans view drinking and driving by others as a threat to their families and themselves. The majority of Americans support increased enforcement efforts and rank drunk driving ahead of healthcare, poverty, the environment and gun control.

Impaired driving is no accident nor is it a victimless crime. It's a serious crime that kills more than 16,000 people and injures nearly 305,000 others every year, stated the Saturation Patrols and Sobriety Checkpoints Guide of the "You Drink and Drive. You Lose" campaign.

In the battle against impaired driving, studies show

that two of the most effective tools are sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols, which involve an increased enforcement effort, targeting a specific area, to identify and arrest the impaired driver.

Additionally, the guide mentions that impaired driving costs the public more than \$110 billion a year, and alcohol-related crashes are deadlier and more serious than other crashes because they affect everyone. Annually, people other than the drinking driver pay \$51 billion of the alcohol-related crash bill.

To become better informed about the dangers of drunk driving, individuals can access the Marine Corps

Community Services Web site and get tips on reducing risks associated with drinking, tips for avoiding drinking and driving, as well as reducing risks associated with alcohol and sex.

If under age 21, lawbreakers can be cited for driving under the influence or minor in possession even if their blood alcohol level is below the legal limit. In fact, even those over 21 can be cited for DUI with a BAL as low as .07 if their driving appears at all impaired, reported the MCCC site.

The MPD reminds everyone to be responsible

and don't risk it ... you will be caught; if you plan to drink, choose a designated driver before going out; take mass transit, a taxicab or ask a sober friend to drive you home; spend the night where the activity is held; report impaired drivers to law enforcement; and always buckle up - it's your best defense against an impaired driver.

For more information about the crackdown or alcohol-related crash statistics, visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org.



Sgt. Christine C. Odom

Lance Cpl. Alexander P. Magill, a patrolman attached to Station Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, demonstrates how to test the blood-alcohol concentration in a simple human breath utilizing the Intoxilyzer 5000. This is one of many methods used to enforce the '.08 Blood Alcohol Content' law.

Courts-Martial

A Marine from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron was charged and found guilty at a special court-martial Oct. 5 for: Three specifications of Article 112a, wrongful use; one specification of Article 134, breaking restriction; and one specification of Article 91, disrespect to a noncommissioned officer.

Punishment: Bad-conduct discharge, 70 days confinement, 60 days of hard labor without confinement, and forfeiture of pay and allowances.

A Marine from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron was charged

and found guilty at a special court-martial Oct. 5 for: Two specifications of Article 112a, wrongful use, and one specification of Article 134, breaking restriction.

Punishment: Bad-conduct discharge, 60 days confinement, and forfeiture of pay and allowances.

A Marine from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 was charged and found guilty at a special court-martial Oct. 5 for: Three specifications of Article 86, unauthorized absence, and one specification of Article 112a, wrongful use.

Punishment: 60 days confine-

ment, forfeiture of pay and allowances, and reduction to E-1.

A Marine from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-162 was charged and found guilty at a special court-martial Sept. 29 for: Two specifications of Article 112a, wrongful use, and one specification of Article 134, breaking restriction.

Punishment: 45 days confinement and reduction to E-1.

A Marine from Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-269 was charged and found guilty at a general court-martial Sept. 23 for:

Two specifications of Article 81, conspiracy, and three specifications of Article 112a, wrongful use.

Punishment: Bad-conduct discharge, 12 months confinement, total forfeiture of pay and allowances for 12 months, and reduction to E-1.

A Marine from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-29 was charged and found guilty at a special court-martial Sept. 22 for: One specification of Article 128, assault.

Punishment: Bad-conduct discharge, 100 days confinement and reduction to E-1.

Halloween Tales: Is the O' Club haunted?

Lance Cpl. Steven R. Sawyer
correspondent

With the approach of Halloween, haunted houses and late-night ghost stories become more and more popular.

Because of the many tall tales and unexplainable events, it may be hard to separate fact from fiction.

Some say the Station has its own hauntings and mysterious happenings, though these are still unproven.

Here is one of the more popular tales to provide the reader with all the information available to help them

decide if the Station Officers Club is really haunted.

The Most Haunted Spot on New River:

More than one report has been heard of the strange occurrences plaguing the Officers Club known as the Landing Zone, here. From unsecured doors to foggy windows, the club is the bane of many military policemen who have to check it at night.

"It's always unsecured," said Cpl. Nathan M. Scholten, Station Military Police District 2nd platoon patrol supervisor. "That means we have to clear the

building and make sure nobody has broken in. I hate clearing that [darn] building."

Scholten's apprehension lies in his numerous encounters with the unexplainable.

"I've seen so many things there," he said. "One night we found the door unsecured and proceeded to clear the building. As we passed the jukebox, it suddenly kicked on, blaring oldies rock and scaring the heck out of us."

Other events include finding the disco ball spinning wildly without apparent reason, windows fogged or

covered with handprints that consistently change throughout the night, moving furniture as well as voices and even children laughing.

"More than once I've seen an enlisted Marine in dress blues standing under the O' Club sign, only to turn around again to find he is not there," said Scholten. "I can always tell that something is going to happen when the hairs on my neck begin to raise."

The Truth?

Is this tale true or just the results of overactive imaginations and late nights? That is something you must decide ...

Roto View

What is your biggest fear when being deployed?



"Being deployed to some place boring."
Gunnery Sgt. Jake S. Calhoun,
staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge,
Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-266,
Griffin, Ga.



"It's not so much fear, it's just that I worry
about the safety of my men."
Gen. Bryan D. Brown,
commander,
U.S. Special Operations Command

"Losing one of the guys in my platoon. Most of us have been
together since boot camp. The thought of losing a Marine is
weighing heavily on all our minds."

Cpl. Sims M. Bartella,
infantryman,
1st Battalion., 6th Marines, Marine Corps Base, Camp
Lejeune, N.C.
Lexington, Ky.



"I fear that my family won't be well taken care of while
I'm gone."
Sgt. Winston A. Clarke ,
administrative clerk,
Headquarters, 6th Marine District, Marine Recruit Depot
Parris Island, S.C.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

U.S. Marine Corps book review: *'The Corps, Book II: Call to Arms'*

Lance Cpl. Steven R. Sawyer
correspondent

Have you ever wished that the great book you were reading would just go on and on forever?

Well, if you felt this way reading W.E.B. Griffin's first book in "The Corps" series, "Semper Fi," then be prepared to get your wish.

Book two, "Call to Arms," is a carry-over from the first. Griffin brings some of the more obscure characters to light, drawing out more of their lives and personas than we were able to see in the first book.

We see into the life of Navy captains who wish they were still Marines, fresh lieutenants trying to get their flight wings and "mustang" officers training to be special forces.

The main characters aren't too far away, though, and we are kept in constant touch with their actions and movements in subtle ways.

A lot of upper-level politics and debates are revealed in this book as well, with both good and bad outcomes. From the Commandant of the Marine Corps to lowly privates fresh out of recruit training, we get to see how lives are affected by every idea, decision and indecision, and culture change that happened in

that era.

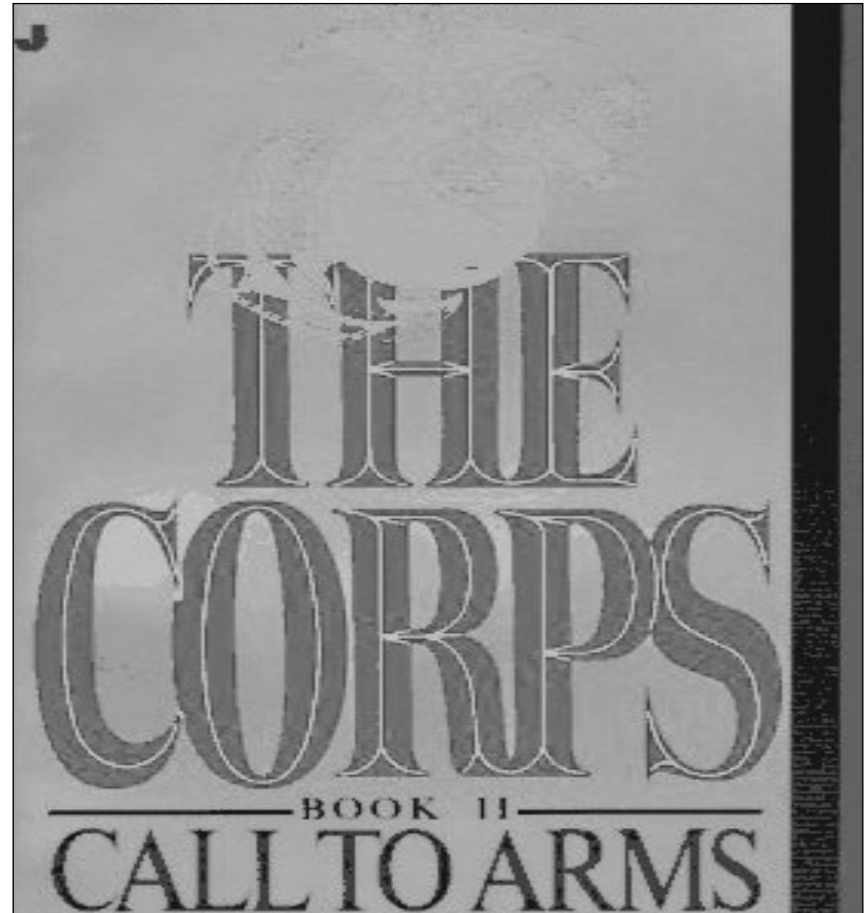
One thing I really liked about "Call to Arms" was the way Griffin grows the characters like a vine. Each one intertwines in some way or another. Their paths through the war, though all different and driven by separate motives and goals, continually cross.

The series should interest history buffs, as Griffin paints the America of yesteryear in such a light that you may find yourself in it. By drawing the characters through both overseas and homeland crises, he puts the reader through one situation after another, giving us a fuller picture of the environment at this time.

His use of historical fiction allows him to create and mold realistic characters around a true story. The units and battles are real, just as they were in the first one. Much of the individual circumstances incorporate the Marine Corps' own legends and beliefs.

Reading "The Corps" is a fun way, and for many the only way, to experience how the Marine Corps used to be, besides being there or getting firsthand experience from someone who was there.

All in all, I think the second book is definitely worth the read, and if you haven't read the first, then you are missing out.



Book two of "The Corps" series, "Call to Arms," is a 356-page book of historical fiction centered around Marines during World War II.



Sgt. Andrew W. Miller

Staff Sgt. Derek Smith, Air Traffic Control tower supervisor and Waukesha, Wis., native, loads rounds into a magazine prior to firing.



Sgt. Andrew W. Miller

Marines count their “hits” and patch their targets while firing at the pistol range. Range dates can be acquired through unit training sections.

Big men, little guns aren’t always bad

Sgt. Andrew W. Miller
correspondent

The building is in sight. Intelligence has confirmed there is a group of people designing bombs and planning terrorist acts in this building. Scurrying through the urban environment of the small city, Marines make their way to secure the target and seize the insurgents.

For a situation like this, the traditional weapon of choice would probably be the M16A2 service rifle, for most Marines in today's war fighting situations. However, many now feel that, from experience in urban environments, small arms would be a more tactical choice.

"The rifle is a good weapon to have as a basic-weapons issue, but not every situation requires it to be used," said Sgt. Christopher P. Kopp, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron disbursing clerk and rifle and pistol coach from Coral Springs, Fla. "Look at the early stages in Iraq when Marines were performing house-to-house raids. An enemy could see the barrel of the rifle coming through the doorway, giving the advantage to the enemy.

"A Marine can elevate the barrel to an extent to hide it, but it costs valuable reaction time."

Certain situations require more maneuverability, and that is just one of the advantages to carrying small arms.

"I carried a pistol during both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and it was more hands-free. I could do my day-to-day job a lot easier," said Gunnery Sgt. Jack Sizemore, Air Traffic Control tower chief and native of Alexandria, Ohio. "It is a dependable weapon and is like a security blanket."

Currently, staff noncommissioned officers and officers are required to carry a pistol, however, some military occupational specialties and billets require this weapon as well.

Pilots, crew chiefs and personnel from the Provost Marshal Office are all required to be qualified with the pistol, according to Kopp.

Even in the infantry, some Marines are required to carry pistols.

"Machine gunners and their 'A-gunners' are all required to carry pistols," said Sgt. Gregory E. Harris, Station Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron training non-commissioned officer and Memphis, Tenn., native. "Marine Corps training has taken a front and center approach in today's Marine Corps way of life."

Some Marines think small-arms qualification should be mandatory for everyone.

"Today is my first time to qualify with the pistol, and it is a lot different than I thought," said Lance Cpl. Matthew E. Miller, Marine Wing Support Squadron-272 heavy equipment operator, who calls Florence, Ky., home. "I think it should be mandatory because it makes us more versatile."

"Every Marine should be a basic rifle and pistol marksman," added Kopp. "Bottom line, they would be more proficient war fighting Marines which is one of the goals in the Marine Corps."

Currently at New River, any Marine can qualify, but it is up to the each Marine's section to allow them to attend. Those who are required to carry a pistol will fire first, and if there are enough rounds, anyone else interested can qualify, according to Kopp.

"I think it's great that younger Marines are afforded the opportunity to learn the pistol now instead of waiting until they are staff noncommissioned officers or in a field environment," said Sizemore. "I love to shoot the pistol, but the way I see it is that if I ever had to use it, my lance corporals are not doing their jobs."

The need will always be there for rifles, but sometimes small arms appear to be the more logical choice.

Find range dates and times from unit training sections.



Sgt. Andrew W. Miller

Marines hone their marksmanship skills with 9 mm pistols at the Station pistol range. Small arms qualification is a requirement for some military occupational specialties and for the ranks of staff noncommissioned officer through officer.



Sgt. Andrew W. Miller

Sergeant Christopher P. Kopp, H&HS disbursing clerk and rifle and pistol coach from Coral Springs, Fla., keeps a watchful eye on Marines who are firing the pistol. Part of the coach's responsibility is enforcing safety rules.



Sgt. Andrew W. Miller

Gunnery Sgt. Jack Sizemore, Air Traffic Control tower chief and native of Alexandria, Ohio, counts his hits and patches the holes during a ceasefire.

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ROLLER HOCKEY

AGE DIVISIONS: 7 - 17

OCTOBER 19th - 29th

SIGN-UP AT: MCAS Youth Sports Office
(Sta. Gym Bldg. AS-202)Oct.
25th-29th

SIGN-UP AT:

OLD MINI SCHOOL

BLDG. AS-404

on Agan St.

Oct. 19th-22nd

All Active Duty, Retired, DOD,
MCCS Dependents

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New River Flyers take regionals silver

Lance Cpl. Steven R. Sawyer
correspondent

New River's soccer team took second place in the East Coast Regional Soccer Championships held here Oct. 4 - 8.

Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va., bested New River during the final game, 2 - 1, winning Quantico the championship title and first place. Third place went to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., who held the most consecutive wins before being defeated by New River in the single-elimination play-offs.

Six teams competed in the championships, including 2d Marine Division, Tri-Command Beaufort, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Cherry Point, Quantico and New River.

The tournament consisted of various stages: the opening ceremony, 13 initial games, two qualifiers, two elimination round games finishing with the championship game and a closing award ceremony.

"It took a lot of work and dedication for us to get



Lance Cpl. Steven R. Sawyer

David Bullard, 10, a New River player, struggles with a Quantico player for possession of the ball during the championship game.

this far," said Staff Sgt. Mario R. Morales, New River's coach and the Station equal opportunity advisor. "I told them that in order to reach the finals, they had to have trust in themselves. The more they trusted themselves and their own abilities, the more they could trust each other."

Though the championship tournament is normally held on Station, never before has New River's own placed.

"This is the first time in 13 years that New river has made it even as far as we did. We definitely set the standard to beat," said Cpl. Kayvon Karimi, a player for New River and member of the Station Military Police District.

"I think the team came together and played a good game," added the Merrillville, Ind., native. "We played as one, which is the only way to win."

According to Morales, who hails from West New York, N.J., the regional championships, besides helping decide who is the best team on the east coast, is also a means of setting the stage for the next level: the All-Marine Team.

"Fifteen players from the west coast, 11 from the east coast and six from overseas were selected to go to the All-Marine Camp, where we will comb the group down to 18 players who will represent the Marine Corps against the Army, Navy and Air Force teams," he said.

Morales, a long time soccer player who has played for the All-Marine Team since 1992 and the All-Armed Forces Team since 1994, is responsible for building, training and coaching the upcoming Marine Corps team for the next year.

"My expectations are high. A lot of the better talent in the Marine Corps is going to be deployed over the next couple months, but I'm still confident that the Marines we are taking with us are skilled enough to represent the Marine Corps against the other branches," said Morales.



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Gabriel Valladares, 3, a New River player, takes the offside kick while teammate Kayvon Karimi, 12, watches during the East Coast Regional Championships held Oct. 8. Valladares was selected to attend the All-Marine Camp to be held next year.

ARFF competes in Fireman's Muster Rodeo

Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb
correspondent

A Fireman's Muster Rodeo was held at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va., on Sept. 25, to test the abilities of the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting teams of Marine Corps Air Station New River, MCAS Cherry Point, MCB Quantico, MCAS Beaufort and the Chemical Biological Incident Response Force.

According to Sgt. Jeffery A. Walsh, ARFF senior rescueman with New River, the rodeo consisted of seven events, and each event tested a different skill necessary to be a rescueman.

Walsh, who hails from Gatesville, Texas, said the rodeo lasted nearly five hours.

According to Walsh, the events were: the fireman's carry, bunker-gear relay, rescue-saw cutting, P19 fire truck re-equipped, hose drill, Jaws of Life and the bucket brigade.

Quantico won the rodeo, making it their second consecutive victory, while New River placed third.



Cpl. Susan E. Moyer

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. -- Corporal Todd Holmes and Lance Cpl. Kraig Huff quickly unload a bucket of hand tools and stow them in their proper positions within a tool roll during the P-19 re-equip Race. This was one of the events during the Fireman's Muster Rodeo on Sept. 25.

Gain something by giving

Petty Officer 1st Class Aaron Painter
chaplain's assistant



This is truly a season of giving!
The Station's Combined Federal Campaign has kicked off, providing an outlet for Marines and Sailors here to give back to the community. The CFC affords all of us the opportunity to share the blessings we have received in our lives with organizations

of our choice that will spread the wealth to worthy causes.
That's not the only opportunity for giving this month! The Officers Wives Club and the Memorial Chapel are once again sponsoring the annual Holiday Cheer Program. This program allows us to collect food that is handed out to the Marines, Sailors and their families at Thanksgiving who could benefit from a free Thanksgiving dinner.
This is a great chance for us to help ourselves and take care of our own. All it takes is a little time and money to fill out a CFC form, collect a few food items and drop them off at the chapel to be an active participant in one of the greatest virtues of all: charity.
Can charity really be considered a virtue among the world's strongest fighting force? Absolutely! We are the United States Navy and Marine Corps team, one of the most giving institutions of the American people. We have a long tradition of giving our lives to the causes of freedom, justice, democracy, and the preservation of life and liberty.
We have genuinely golden hearts, as can be seen

by the warrior who bends low near a hungry child in a far off land, opening his Meals Ready to Eat and sharing his food with someone in need. It can be seen by the Marine who sacrifices his weekend clearing horse trails so disabled children can experience a safe riding environment.
Our spirit of charity is shown by the truckloads of food brought in by the smallest of squadrons for the food drive, or the money raised to help the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society and American Red Cross.
The virtue of charity is one that is not just talked about on Station, but is prevalent among the men and women of this military community. Working at the chapel provides me with to chance to help people, most often in times of their most dire need, and I have always marveled at the spirit of giving and sacrifice displayed by the Marines and Sailors. The charitable work of this community touches the hearts of so many, in such magnificent ways, that it is many times awe inspiring.
I know that if I had a need, the Marines, Sailors and civilians of Marine Corps Air Station, New River, who I care so much about, would gather together to take care of me. That knowledge of the charitable spirit of this community provides a sense of safety and encourages me to give even more of myself, which in turn produces an even greater pool of compassion, one that will hopefully spread and continue to spiral to the greatest heights of charity.
The spirit of love, camaraderie, charity and compassion are constant here, and I hope that we can all look around and show our appreciation to those who go out of their way to provide for others.
I would like to thank you all, from the Cub Scout leaders to the food drive coordinators to the Red Cross and the CFC representatives - there are

just so many here to thank - so I thank you all. This community has made every season one of giving, and it encourages the heart and lifts the spirit.
I hope everyone can look around and see all of the good that goes on here. Many times it seems hard to see beyond the working hours and constantly growing workload, but the gracious spirit of giving is always here because of all of you who continue to give of yourselves beyond the call of duty and work.
I encourage everyone to fill out a CFC slip, pick a worthy cause to donate to and participate in the food drive to help provide for a fellow Marine or Sailor this Thanksgiving.
Charity is one of the finest virtues; one that can only be gained by giving.

Station Chapel Services

Sunday Worship

9 a.m. Catholic
11 a.m. Protestant

Editors Note: Chaplain Koch, New River's former Catholic priest, has moved on to his next duty station. His replacement is due to report in at a later date. Until that time a Catholic priest from Camp Lejeune is conducting Sunday Mass, but there will be no weekly mass till the replacement priest arrives.

For more information, contact Petty Officer 1st Class Aaron D. Painter at 449-6801.

Promote peace of mind at home

Leslie Slosky
contributor

Once again, it is October and Domestic Violence Prevention Month. This years Department of Defense theme for the month is the same as last year's, "Healthy Home Peace of Mind." It once again highlights the idea that peace in the home is a healthy environment for everyone. Not only do children benefit from peace in the home, but adults as well. Stress has become one of the leading contributors to illness and death in the United States.
Unlike the illnesses that threatened our health in the early part of the last century, we have no vaccines or antibiotics to prevent or cure stress.

What we do have are some clear ideas about the causes of stress, mainly anger, conflict and violence.
We have learned or re-learned in the last few years that the world is a violent place and includes many people who are filled with anger and hate. It is not possible of course for us to cure the whole world. What we can do something about, however, is our own little world.
The truth is that we can reduce both stress and violence in our own homes and workplaces if we can learn one simple fact. Winning is for football games and NASCAR. In the relationships we have with our families and coworkers, winning is accomplished only by learning to live together.
Conflicts can be settled in peaceful ways, and righteousness is not more important than happiness.
Some ideas to try out include: start telling yourself that they are not out to get you; give your family and friends the benefit of a doubt; look for ways that allow everyone to win; respect begins when you give it, not when you get it; and at the end of the day, do you want to be right or happy?



There is an ol' Spanish proverb that goes, "Take what you want, says God, and pay for it." The idea here is that everything we do in this world has a price. Sometimes we get cheated, such as when we make choices that bring us little satisfaction or pleasure. At other times we get a bargain, we pay relatively little for something that brings us pleasure and satisfaction.
High on the list of things that bring most of us satisfaction is the peace and joy of our family life. It is something to be guarded. It is priceless not only for our health, but for those around us. If we follow the guidelines above we will have bought a real bargain: something priceless for very little.

LCTV-10 Schedules



Oct. 22 - 28

Show Title	Show Times
The Morning Report	12 a.m., 4 a.m., 8 a.m., 12 p.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m.
Air Force News	12:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Your Corps	1 a.m., 9 a.m., 5 p.m.
Army Newswatch	1:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Famous Generals: Patton	2 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6 p.m.
Beirut Experience Orginal	2:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 11 p.m.
Circle of Honor “Kim Rhode”	3:30 a.m., 7 a.m., 10 a.m., 3 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Pacific Report	4:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.
Navy/Marine Corps News	5 a.m., 1 p.m., 9 p.m.
F/A-18 Hornet	5:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
Pentagon Ch. On Assignment	6 a.m., 2 p.m., 10 p.m.
Pentagon Ch. Studio 5	6:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 10:30p.m.

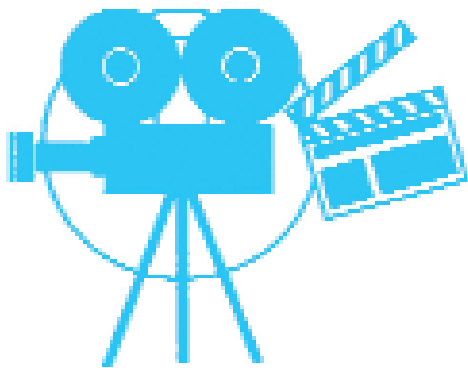
Oct. 29 - Nov. 4

Show Title	Show Times
The Morning Report	12 a.m., 4 a.m., 8 a.m., 12 p.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m.
Air Force News	12:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Your Corps	1 a.m., 9 a.m., 5 p.m.
Army Newswatch	1:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Famous Generals: Eisenhower	2 a.m.,10 a.m., 6 p.m.
K9 Boot Camp	2:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Boston University	3:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Pacific Report	4:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.
Navy/Marine Corps News	5 a.m., 1 p.m., 9 p.m.
Familiar Waters	5:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
Pentagon Ch. On Assignment	6 a.m., 2 p.m., 10 p.m.
Pentagon Ch. Studio 5	6:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 10:30p.m.
Shooting Gallery “Untitled”	7 a.m., 3 p.m., 11p.m.
With the Marines	7:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

Get on Schedule with the Station Theater

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Wed.	Oct. 20	7 p.m. 9:30 p.m.	Cellular The Cookout	PG-13 PG-13	94 min. 85 min.
Fri.	Oct. 22	7 p.m. 9:30 p.m.	The Cookout Vanity Fair	PG-13 PG-13	85 min. 137 min.
Sat.	Oct. 23	7 p.m. 9:30 p.m.	The Cookout Hero	PG-13 PG-13	85 min. 99 min.
Sun.	Oct. 24	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	Vanity Fair Hero	PG-13 PG-13	137 min. 99 min.
Mon.	Oct. 24	7 p.m.	Cellular	PG-13	94 min.
Wed.	Oct. 25	9 a.m. 7 p.m.	Paparazzi Paparazzi	PG-13 PG-13	85 min. 85 min.
Fri.	Oct. 29	7 p.m. 9:30 p.m.	Paparazzi Cellular	PG-13 PG-13	85 min. 94 min.
Sat.	Oct. 30	7 p.m. 9:30 p.m.	Paparazzi Wicker Park	PG-13 PG-13	85 min. 115 min.
Sun.	Oct. 31	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	Wicker Park Cellular	PG-13 PG-13	115 min. 94 min.
Mon.	Nov. 1	7 p.m.	Wicker Park	PG-13	115 min.

City, Corps commemorate Beirut

In the early morning of Oct. 23, 1983, the 1st Battalion, 8th Marines Headquarters building was destroyed by a non-Lebanese, terrorist-driven truck, laden with compressed gas-enhanced explosives. This truck, like many others, had become a familiar sight at the airport and did not raise any alarm on this morning. The resulting explosion and the collapse of the building killed 241 Marines, Sailors and Soldiers.

Many of the victims of this atrocity were residents of Jacksonville, N.C. They were fathers, neighbors, fellow church members and little league baseball coaches. The community was stunned by the loss of these men and women.

On the afternoon of this tragic bombing, the City of Jacksonville Beautification and Appearance Commission met and decided to seek permission to plant memorial trees on Lejeune Boulevard to honor the fallen servicemembers. This action resulted in an immediate response from the general public. Locally and nationally, funds began coming in to support this project. This became the "birth" of the Beirut Memorial.

Local schools began to support the project. A ninth grader auctioned her Cabbage patch doll and raised \$1,500 for the project. One tree was planted for each lost servicemember along Lejeune Boulevard, and the completed tree project was dedicated on March 24, 1984. Following the tree dedication, contributions continued to come in. The commission began seeking a means to erect a simple marker to depict the history and significance of the trees. Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., offered the Commission four-and-a-half acres of highly visible and publicly accessible land at the corner of Lejeune Boulevard and Montford Landing Road.

Sufficient funds were finally received to begin the construction in May 1986. The completed memorial was dedicated Oct. 23, 1986 with approximately 2,000 people in attendance.

At the time, in the niche between the two

broken walls, which depict the crumbled walls of the bombed headquarters building, was a pedestal to support a statue. With the completion of the memorial plaza and funds still remaining, the commission began to explore ways to christen the statue.

The statue was dedicated Oct. 22, 1988, some five years after that tragic day in Beirut, Lebanon. A full-size epoxy replica of the statue now stands in the National Fleet Reserve Association Headquarters in Alexandria, Va. Miniatures of the statue have been created for the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation to fund scholarships for military dependents.

In 1991, the Beirut families added the poem, "The Other Wall," written by Robert A. Gannon. The poem was cast in bronze and was dedicated at a 1991 observance ceremony.

Currently, there are 273 names and the words "THEY CAME IN PEACE" engraved on the walls of the Memorial. In addition to the inscribed names of those who died in Beirut and those who have died since of injuries from that blast, there are the names of three Marine pilots from our community who were killed in Grenada, an island close to Cuba.

The fund raising efforts, the cooperation of the entire community, the construction of the memorial and the commissioning of the statue have brought the civilian and military communities together so that they are virtually one, according to the official Beirut Web site.

Annually, on Oct. 23 an observance is held that includes the families of the deceased, military personnel and the civilian community, further cementing that relationship. Never before has a civilian community constructed a memorial of this dimension, honoring their military neighbors. Forty-three years of proximity had not accomplished the unity that this one project has. This unity is the true impact of the Beirut Memorial.

Editor's note: The information in this article was obtained from www.beirut.memorial.org.

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A bronze statue of a Marine watches over fallen servicemembers at the Beirut Memorial.



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A wall engraved with the message "THEY CAME IN PEACE" and guarded by the bronze statue of a Marine sits at the entrance to the Beirut Memorial located at the entrance to Camp Johnson.

The 21st Beirut Remembrance will be observed at the Beirut Memorial at the entrance of Camp Johnson on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The Marine Corps League will hold a ceremony at the special Beirut Marker on Camp Geiger at 2 p.m.